



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : Machining Method and Machining Apparatus

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 21, 2005, the period for response having been extended to April 21, 2005 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.